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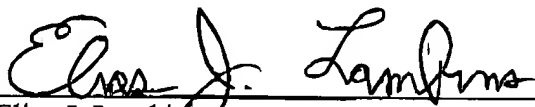
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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action be extended for a period of three months from December 6, 2000 to March 6, 2001. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$890.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

Total: $42 - 36 = 6 \times 18 = \108

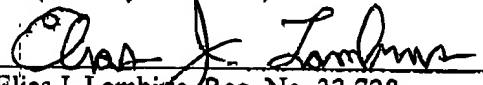
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Total additional fee for claims required is \$108.

Please charge the required extension and claims fees, estimated to be \$998.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2000, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-36 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 37-78.

37. A modified cellulase having endoglucanase activity, comprising a mutation in an amino acid sequence of a cellulase at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of: 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 42, 42a, 43, 49, 49a, 49b, 50, 53, 54, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 76, 79, 80, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 95d, 95h, 95j, 106, 127, 137, 138, 139, 140, 140a, 141, 149, 150b, 150e, 150j, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160c, 160e, 160k, 161, 164, 165, 166, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 188, 191, 192, 193, 195, 197, 200 and 201, wherein each mutation is independently a substitution, insertion or deletion and each position is numbered according to the amino acid sequence of the cellulase of SEQ ID NO:1.

38. A modified cellulase of claim 37, wherein the mutation comprises a substitution, insertion or deletion at position 22.

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